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PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced today that on March 7, 2002, Fernando Calderon-Flores, 25, of Minneapolis, MN, was sentenced to a prison term of 151 months by United States District Judge Stephen M. McNamee, in Phoenix, Arizona.

While conducting a traffic stop on May 28, 2001, of the vehicle that Mr. Calderon-Flores was driving, 31 individually wrapped packages totaling nearly 15 pounds of methamphetamine were discovered hidden under the back seat of the vehicle. When questioned about the methamphetamine, Mr. Calderon-Flores admitted that he was transporting the methamphetamine to Minnesota where the drugs were to be distributed.

Mr. Calderon-Flores had entered a plea of guilty December 27, 2001, to Possession with Intent to Distribute 5 kilograms or more of Methamphetamine.

The investigation in this case was conducted by Arizona Department of Public Safety and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

The prosecution was handled by Jeffrey A. Myer, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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